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Mighty Men of Valor

At one time in history, King David led a huge army. Of all the vast numbers in his army, the scriptures mention there were only 37 soldiers that held the coveted title “mighty man”. To be counted as one of David’s mighty men, a soldier needed to be able to use either hand in hurling stones and shooting arrows. They were prepared for battle in every way. We are told they were determined and they were as with the faces of lions, they were completely without fear. They were “men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do” and they were men “which could keep rank: they were not of double heart” (1 Chr. 12:32-33). One time, during a battle, three of these mighty men overheard King David express a wish that he could have a cool refreshing drink from a specific Bethlehem well. Without any command or assignment, these mighty men of David broke through enemy lines and traveled to Bethlehem where they drew the desired water and then fought their way back through enemy lines to present the refreshing water to

their king. David was so overcome by this demonstration of personal service that he refused to drink the water and “. . . poured it out unto the Lord” (2 Sam. 23: 14-17). We are also familiar with Helaman’s 2000 stripling warriors. These 2000 young men are described as “exceedingly valiant for courage, and also for strength and activity; but behold, this was not all—they were men who were true at all times in whatsoever thing they were entrusted. Yea, they were men of truth and soberness, for they had been taught to keep the commandments of God and to walk uprightly before him.” (Alma 53:20-21)

Is this much different from what scouting attempts to develop in our young men today? Reflect on the Scout Oath and Scout Law. If a young man is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent; if they understand honor; and promise on that honor to do their best to do their duty to God, their community, and themselves then they will be mighty men of valor. They will be mighty men of God.

The Objectives of Wood Badge

As a result of attending Wood Badge, participants will be able to:

1. View scouting globally, as a family of interrelated, values-based programs that provide age-appropriate activities for youth.
2. Recognize the contemporary leadership concepts utilized in corporate America and leading government organizations that are relevant to Scouting’s values-based movement.
3. Apply the skills they learn from their participation as a member of a successful working team.
4. Revitalize their commitment by sharing in an overall inspirational experience that helps provide Scouting with the leadership it needs to accomplish its mission on an ongoing basis.

Words to live by

“Don’t let the fear of striking out hold you back.” Babe Ruth

“Success is not final, failure is not fatal; it is the courage to continue that counts.” Winston Churchill

“You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.” C. S. Lewis

“Choose your love, love your choice.” Thomas S. Monson

“You can’t live a perfect day without doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you.” John Wooden

“If your action inspires others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.” John Quincy Adams

“Always do right. It will gratify some and astonish the rest.” Mark Twain

“Do or do not. There is no try.” Yoda

“True leadership is the art of changing a group from what it is into what it ought to be.” Jan Greene

“Leadership is not about making yourself more powerful. Its about making people around you more powerful.” Betty Linton

Critter Corner



My fellow scouters! We beavers have enjoyed the time that we have been able to send with you. We have enjoyed the friendly competition and the team building experiences. Our hope and prayer is that the things we all have learned will continue to help us in life and our friendships will remain eternal.

Now what do you think about those tickets? We're probably thinking the same thing, "I didn't sign up for this!" But it only makes sense. What would all this training be if not to put it to the test and to have the opportunity of come up with a plan while here in this wonderful experience and with the help of these wonderful staffers! Speaking of staffers, give them a hand! They have done so well in their preparation and all their time spent to train all of us. May we continue to remember the eternal importance of our fellow friends and neighbors.

We Beavers would like to thank you all for the things you have taught us, for the kindness and love shown. And a special shout out to our beloved patrol guide Sariah, THANK YOU!!!! You have been our biggest help and support! We feel as though we have become a family and have been taught by a wonderful mentor. You will always be remembered by us lowly Beavers. If you need anything, you can turn to us.

We love you all! Happy trails and may no beaver dam your way.



The Bobwhites really came together today as we were finishing final preparation on our Patrol Project. Our goal in our presentation was to use the EDGE method in instructing volunteers on how to do a quick game. It was especially entertaining to see 14 volunteers come together to sit on the lap of the person behind them. It is safe to say that we all have been learning a lot of good leadership principles and are excited to share our knowledge with others at our home units.



It is hard to believe that by the time we read this at breakfast it will be the final day of Wood Badge. This experience is something we have each looked forward to, relished in having, and will cherish for many Eagle years to come! (For those uninitiated in the ways of Eagle years, that is a really REALLY long time.)

For day five we fed Troop 1 the fruits of our labors as we presented the Eagle Patrol project presentation on manuals and handbooks for Scouting leaders. We hope it will be helpful for all the patrols now and in the Eagle years to come. (Again, a really REALLY long time.) From the vantage point only Eagle patrol members enjoy (for those uninitiated in the vantage point of Eagles, that is really REALLY high), our patrol is in the performing stage. Of course.

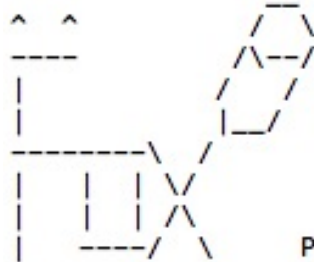
To our Troop 1 friends, we leave you with our best wishes. May you all fly high and soar far as you strive to employ the skills, lessons, and ideas you've gained at Wood Badge. Remember, if all else fails, you can sing, "... Back to Gilwell, back again. ... " and the memories of this incomparable experience should coming flooding back. Or, if you're truly blessed, come soaring back. Because that is how Eagle patrol flies.



"Okay, listen up! We can do this! We can make the final play and win the game! But we all need to do our part. We all need to play with heart. This IS our finest moment! Now go out there and show us what you've got! Get those tickets done!" -Coach Tod

"We've come a long way, haven't we? From Cubs to Scouts, to Varsity, to Venture, we've learned together, struggled together, found our way together, and triumphed together. We've identified problems, brainstormed solutions and managed our conflicts. We're proud to say that we have made great friends through the process. We fully expect to be present for each other as we now apply what we've learned to the boys. You can count on Foxes to support the cause." -Mentor Vixen

Foxes would like to thank the Woodbadge leadership and staff for their coaching and mentoring. We thank the Quartermasters for their preparation of all the meals (yum). And, we thank our fellow patrols for helping us learn how to be better Scouting leaders. We have enjoyed the time over the past two weekends learning songs, games, leadership techniques, and camping with each other. We won't forget our experience together.



Patrol



If a picture is worth a thousand words this might be the longest scribe entry in the Gazette! We came, we saw and we weeded! Service is just the Owl way. All the presentations were wonderful and it was so good to learn from the other patrols especially, how to identify bears! We now know what they look like!

It's been good to put into practice the stress management techniques as we all have worked on our tickets. We are however still looking for that self-populating Wood Badge ticket app. We'll let you know if we find it. Who, who, who loves you? Owls!!!





In an ironic twist last night, the bobwhites ate bears . . . gummy bears. In fact all of the patrols, both the carnivores and the herbivores feasted on those chewy representations of nature's finest mammal. Da bears are o.k. with that as we provided that as part of our presentation on how to avoid being eaten by bears. It gives you a fighting chance, and makes things more interesting for us. We enjoyed educating everyone about bears, and want to remind you one last time that you are in bear country, we prefer clapping to bear spray, please be bear aware, and don't start forest fires. We bears enjoyed the presentations of the other patrols, and learned a lot. We are better bears and scouters as a result. Thank you for sharing your skits and skills.

Yesterday morning was a different matter altogether. Instead of munching and learning in the safe confines of the lodge, the bears were digging trenches, breaking rocks with picks and sledge hammers, lifting, stacking and drilling railroad ties, and building a retaining wall for a new area in this camp. It was a service project that called for brain and brawn, and to quote Ballou the bear from Jungle Book, we were "loaded with both." It was good to get dirty, break a sweat, and do some service. We appreciate all those who helped us. We also honor those who participated in the service project in town. Thank you.

Today is our last day. We will miss the quartermasters who, against park regulations, have fed the bears. We will miss all of our new friends as well. We've all written our tickets, and most have been approved. We will soon be leaving this happy land, returning to our families who have missed us over the six days of Wood Badge. Treasure the memories, work your tickets, and we will see you again as you finish them and earn your beads. Until then, remember, even when you go home, you are still in Bear Country.

Your friends,
Da Bears

	<p>The Buffalo is the patrol you all need. From Wood Badge We've all learned to lead. We gentle Ruminants Are light-footed and luminous Unless you make us stampede</p> <p>We've enjoyed our days in camp Gilwell. here in the mountains of Maple Dell. Be it crew, team or pack. We've got a plan of attack To help all our boy scouts excell.</p> <p>So long and thanks for all the fish. - Not fish but every other dish. The quartermasters made Deserves a parade and met every culinary wish.</p> <p>They made us write five tickets. We wanted to tell them to stick it In the scanner So we can mark our planners with our commitments to lick it.</p> <p>Resist the temptation to grouse. Roll your eyes or moan at your spouse It wont take that long To sing through the song- " Is there a Beaver in the house?"</p> <p>The Buffalo Patrol is so grateful for the service that the staff here at Wood Badge has given us. We also wanted to tell all of the other patrols thanks for your friendship and support.</p>
	<p>This was an amazing day for the Awesome Antelope Patrol! We learned more about coaching and mentoring and how it can help us in our stewardships. We enjoyed working together to make the Peteetneet more neat. We benefitted from the many wonderful projects that were shared (Thank you everyone). And we had an incredible staff-less evening with our Patrol. It was a Great Day. Antelopes, Antelopes, we're the ones. If we can't do it, it can't be done! ANTELOPES!!</p>

History of Wood Badge Ticket

Back in the times of Baden-Powell, soldiers in the British Army had to pay their way back to England at the end of their term of service. The British Army would only pay for transfers for changes in orders. Toward the end of their service, soldiers would apply for assignments at posts closer to home, a process known as “working your ticket.” These favorable changes were often awarded according to the diligence and effort made by the soldier. Wood Badge uses the same principle. A Wood Badge Ticket is a commitment to complete tasks relating to your Scouting responsibility. It is an opportunity to practice and demonstrate the leadership skills learned in the Wood Badge course.

Today's Schedule

8:00	Gilwell Field	12:00	Closing Luncheon
8:30	Group photo, Patrol Leader	1:00	Leaving a Legacy
	Council and break down camp sites	2:30	Summary Session
10:00	Interfaith worship	3:15	Course assessment and goodbyes
11:00	Servant Leadership	3:45	Final Gilwell Field
		4:15	Adjourn